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#### (U) Los Angeles – UCLA Student Charged in Capitol Riot Took Inspiration from Online Extremist

(U) For nearly a year, UCLA students said, they raised the alarm about one of their classmates. On Twitter, classmate Christian Secor attacked women and minorities, and embraced the ideology of a far-right extremist. On campus, he pushed a student Republicans group toward extreme positions against all immigration. And on the video streaming site DLive, Secor took on the handle "Scuffed Elliot Rodger," an apparent reference to the misogynist, involuntary celibate (Incel) gunman who killed six people in Isla Vista, California, in 2014. Secor is now facing multiple federal criminal charges, including assaulting, resisting or impeding officers, in connection with the violence at the US Capitol on 6 January.

SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [NPR](#)

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#### (U) District of Columbia – Two Men Arrested and Charged for Assaulting Capitol Police Officer

(U) Washington – Two men have been arrested and charged for assaulting US Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who died after responding on 6 January to hundreds of rioters who stormed the Capitol, the Justice Department announced Monday. Julian Elie Khater, 32, of Pennsylvania, and George Pierre Tanios, 39, of West Virginia, are alleged to have worked together to spray police, including Sicknick, with a toxic chemical spray during the Capitol riot. Investigators are working to determine if the toxic chemical played a role in Officer Sicknick's death.

SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [CNN](#)

#### (U) North Carolina – Suspected Explosive Devices Found Near Church, Government Building

(U) Raleigh – Several law enforcement agencies are investigating after multiple suspected 'incendiary devices' were found near a Baptist church and a government building in western North Carolina on Sunday. At approximately 10:30 a.m., officers with the Brevard Police Department were called to the area near the First Baptist Church of Brevard and the Transylvania County Community Services building. On arrival, officers found "several small suspected incendiary devices that had not detonated," according to a news release from the police department. No injuries were reported from the incident.

SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [ABC 11 \(Raleigh\)](#)

#### (U) Tennessee – Nashville Bomber Acted Alone, Was Driven By 'Paranoia,' FBI Says

(U) Nashville – The FBI said Monday the Christmas Day bombing in downtown Nashville was motivated by the bomber's intention to kill himself and was not an act of terrorism. After a wide-ranging investigation, the FBI said in a report that the bomber, Anthony Quinn Warner, acted alone "in an effort to end his own life." The FBI said Warner was motivated by several "life stressors" including "paranoia," "eccentric" beliefs and "deteriorating interpersonal relationships. Warner specifically chose the location and timing of the bombing so that it would be impactful, while still minimizing the likelihood of causing undue injury.

SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [Tennessean](#)

**(U) Virginia – White Supremacists’ Fake Bomb Threats Results in 3-Year Prison Sentence**

(U) Falls Church – A former Old Dominion University student who joined up with white supremacists in a swatting conspiracy that targeted a Black church, his own university and a Cabinet officer, among others, was sentenced to nearly three years in prison Monday. The 33-month sentence for John William Kirby Kelley, 20, of Vienna, Virginia, essentially splits the difference between the five-year term sought by prosecutors and the 14-month sentence of time served requested by his lawyers. Kelley pleaded guilty to hosting an internet chatroom in which he and others called in fake bomb threats and attacks on more than 100 different targets, many of which were targeted because of racial or religious animus. SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [AP](#)

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**(U) Afghanistan – 15 Wounded in Minibus Bombing within Afghan Capital**

Kabul – A bomb targeting a minibus in Afghanistan's capital exploded Monday wounding at least 15 civilians, police said, amid a surge in attacks in Kabul. Ferdaws Faramarz, spokesman for the Kabul police chief, said the minibus was attacked in the Dahan-e-Bagh area of Kabul and a taxi nearby was damaged. He said the casualty count could rise. The attack comes a day after separate bombings of vehicles in the western part of Kabul killed three people and wounded 12, Faramarz said. He said the first explosion targeted a van and another vehicle was targeted in a different district. Faramarz said an investigation was ongoing but all the casualties were civilians. SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [AP](#)

**(U) Israel – Interpol Serves Arrest Warrant for FBI Most Wanted Terrorist**

(U) Jerusalem – Interpol reportedly took down an international warrant for an FBI Most Wanted Terrorist Ahlam Ahmad Al-Tamimi, 39, responsible for scouting a maximum-casualty location and escorting a suicide bomber in 2001 towards a Jerusalem Sbarro pizzeria. The attack killed 15 people, including two US citizens. One of the American nationals was pregnant at the time of the attack, Shoshana Yehudit Greenbaum, 31; and Malki Roth, 15, was also killed. Al-Tamimi's husband, Nizar Tamimi, a terrorist convicted of killing an Israeli student in a speedster attack, also confirmed the Interpol removal. The US had charged the Jordanian national Al-Tamimi in 2013 for her role in the pizzeria bombing and was added to the FBI Most Wanted List in 2017 with a \$5 Million dollar reward. SOURCE: 15 March 2021, [Daily Caller](#)

**(U) Mozambique – Militants Beheading Children, Aid Agency Reports**

(U) Cabo Delgado – Aid agency Save the Children says Islamist militants are beheading children as young as 11 in Mozambique's northern province of Cabo Delgado. One mother told the agency she had had to watch as her 12-year-old son was killed in this way close to where she was hiding with her other children. More than 2,500 people have been killed and 700,000 have fled their homes since an Islamist insurgency began in 2017. The militants are linked to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). SOURCE: 16 March 2021, [BBC News](#)

**(U) Syria – Officials Say Damascus Bomb Plot Foiled**

(U) Damascus – Syria has foiled a bomb plot in the capital Damascus with security forces killing three militants and arresting three others, state news agency SANA says. SANA quoted a security source as saying the plot, which involved the use of explosive belts, was thwarted with the cooperation of residents of two towns of a formerly rebel-held rural region southwest of Damascus. It did not say when

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the would-be-attack was foiled or give further details. President Bashar al-Assad's government regained control over the heavily populated region from insurgents about three-years ago after reaching reconciliation deals with its local elders.

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